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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 124, JUNE 13, 1977
(SALT TWO- 1219)

1. ARTICLE XVI.3: KARPOV TABLE REVISED AGREED STATEMENT AND
NEW COMMON UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICLE XVI.3 AS FOLLOWS

(OFFICIAL TRANSLATION):

AGREED STATEMENT: THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI ARE SPECIAL MEASURES CARRIED OUT DELIBERATELY TO HINDER OR DELIBERATELY TO IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PARTIES ALSO AGREE THAT METHODS OF TRANSMITTING TELEMETRIC INFORMATION DURING TESTING ARE NOT DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES, PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI, DOES NOT AFFECT TESTING OF ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE PENETRATION AIDS.

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COMMON UNDERSTANDING: THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES, PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI, INCLUDES THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE MEASURES AIMED AT CONCEALING THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ICBMS AND THEIR LAUNCHERS DURING TESTING.

2. REGARDING AGREED STATEMENT, KARPOV PROPOSED THAT EACH SIDE WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSED REFERENCE TO TESTING, SINCE CURRENT LANGUAGE MAKES CLEAR THAT DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT PROHIBITION APPLIES TO ALL PROVISIONS INCLUDING TESTING PHASE. KARPOV ALSO INDICATED SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE EDITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS WITH WORD "SPECIAL", WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS NEEDED IN AGREED STATEMENT TO GUARD AGAINST UNNECESSARY ARGUMENTS IN FUTURE CONCERNING MEASURES WHICH ARE NOT DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT. SPECIFIC MENTION OF METHODS OF TRANSMITTING TELEMETRIC INFORMATION, ON OTHER HAND, IS JUSTIFIED TO SPECIFICALLY DEAL WITH THAT UNIQUE PROBLEM. KARPOV AGREED WITH KLOSSON'S PROPOSAL TO TREAT PENAL TESTING MENTION IN COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

3. NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 16.
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